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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Horse Racing Rules

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:70

Proposed: February 7, 2005 at 37 N.J.R. 417(a)

Adopted: May 20, 2005 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

Filed: June 17, 2005 as R. 2005 d.233, without change

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:5-30

Effective Date: June 17, 2005

Expiration Date: June 17, 2010

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

Comment:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey is in opposition to the rule adoption stating that taxpayers should not carry the burden of funding horse racing in that it is a dying industry that encourages gambling and abuse of animals. Ms. Sachau further states that the rules have not kept horses safe from drugging. She also states that New Jersey taxpayers should not be burdened with funding an industry with small attendance and low license fees, indicating that fees should be \$50,000 not \$50.

Response:

Not Accepted. Actually, the regulation of horse racing is not a burden to taxpayers in that it is directly funded by the industry's racetrack permit holders. The license fees are deemed to be reasonable and not excessive as would be Ms. Sachau's suggested \$50,000 fee. Also, Subchapter 14A, Medication and Testing Procedures sets forth comprehensive testing procedures to protect horses from illegal drugging and provides for penalties, if appropriate. The acceptance of pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing is authorized by law.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules proposed for readoption are authorized by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:5-30, and are not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

The full text of the readoption can be found in the New Jersey Register at 37 N.J.R. 417(a).